Locations and Performance of Public Sector Cotton Mills

230 SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector cotton mills in the country and the State-wise location thereof;

(b) the performance of each public sector cotton mill during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have drawn up any programme to improve the performance of those cotton mills and also to implement some measures for the welfare of the workers working in those cotton mills and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) There are 119 mills in operation under the National Textile Corporation and 3 cotton mills under the British India Corporation. A statement indicating the names and locations of these 122 mills and the net profit/loss incurred by these mills during the last 3 years 1992-93 to 1994-95 is indicated in the annexure [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 3]

(c) On account of obsolete machinery, excess man-power, shortage of working capital etc., 8 out of the 9 subsidiaries of NTC have been incurring losses and have been referred to the B. I. F. R. The BIFR has declared them to be sick indusrial companies. Government have approved a revised Turn Around Strategy for modernisation of NTC mills. The Turn Around Plan has been placed before the BIFR for its approval before implementation. Also Government is of ring VRS for the surplus workers offe NTC, BIC. Under the VRS, ex-gratia payment equivalent to 1½ months emoluments for each completed year of service or monthly emoluments at the time of VRS multiplied by the remaining months of service before the normal date of retirement, whichever is lower, is paid in addition to normal terminal benefits. Also a rehabilitation fund for retraining and redeployment of workers who avail of VRS is envisaged. Schemes have also been formulated to enable the rationalised workers to set up powerlooms/reeling units.

The cases of the BIC cotton units are also under consideration of AAIFR.

Increase in Foreign Debt

231. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign debt likely to increase during the year 1995-96;

(b) the present ratio between foreign loan and its repayment; and

(c) the percentage of foreign loan spent by India to repay its loan during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The likely increase in foreign debt outstanding would depend on a number of factors in both the current and capital account of our balance of payments including the growth of exports, foreign exchange earnings, fresh debt to be incurred, debt servicing to be made etc. In view of uncertainties in these accounts it is not possible to precisely indicate the likely increase in external debt stock during 1995-96.

(b) and (c) External resources are mobilised to bridge the gap between the total investment outlay and internal resources available for the plan development of the country. It is used for meeting the foreign exchange requirements of the project and non-project needs of the country. However, it may be mentioned that the debt service ratio is normally computed on the basis of debt service payment (i.e, repayment of principal and payment of interest) as percentage to current receipts i.e. export of goods and invisible earnings. The debt service ratio for 1992-93 and 1993-94 was 30.3% and 24.8% respectively. The debt service ratio figures for 1994-95 would be

available only after figures are firmed up after finalisation of accounts.

Tourist Action Plan for Gujarat

232. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism action plan launched by Government proposes to draw certain rural areas in its fold to help employment and economic growth in those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly for Gujarat State;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with performance of the ITDC hotels; and

(d) if not, what steps Government has taken or propose to take to make them profitable and up to the mark?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The tourist destinations are identified by the respective State Governments depending on the potential of the area. Dwarka, Palitana and Odwada have been identified for the devolopment of Pilgrim tourism in Gujarat as a follow up of National Action plan.

(c) and (d) During the year 1994-95 the ITDC Hotels earned a profit of Rs.22.71 crores against Rs.8.29 crores earned in 1993-94.

Power Projects for Private Sector

233. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any power projects have been earmarked for the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many of them have been actually offered to private companies and whether they are Indian or foreign; and

(d) the details of the investments they are making in the power projects and the quantum of power expected to be produced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) After the announcement of the private power policy by Government in October, 1991, 245 expressions of interest have been received from the Private Sector to set up power plants envisaging a total capacity of 93646.25 MW and an investment of about Rs.3,38,053 crores. Of these 52 proposals are from foreign companies.

New Schemes for Weavers of Gujarat

234. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes have been finalised for weavers in Gujarat for 1994-95;

(b) whether Government have consulted the State Government in finalising such a plan for weavers; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to assist weavers in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Schemes of handloom sector are generally not state specific. All State Governments and Union Territories are eligible for assistance under these Scheme. The weavers of Gujarat can avail assistance under all the ongoing Schemes in handloom sector.

(c) Central assistance is released on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The State Government of Gujarat has been advised to send adequate number of project proposal for Central assistance under various ongoing Schemes during 1995-96.

गुजरात द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई नई पर्यटन नीति

235. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने पर्यटक स्थलों के विकास, विशेषतया उन्हें अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर का बनाने के